

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Dr. James "Jim" Lawrence.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Dr. James
2 "Jim" Lawrence.

3 *Whereas, Dr. James "Jim" Lawrence was born April 14,*
4 *1936, to Victor and Irene Lawrence;*

5 *Whereas, Jim graduated from the University of Arkansas*
6 *(Fayetteville) in 1957 with a Bachelors of Science in Medicine;*

7 *Whereas, Jim received his M.D. from the University of*
8 *Arkansas (Little Rock) in 1961, and went on to become a flight*
9 *surgeon for the United States Air Force at Tinker Air Force*
10 *Base from 1962 to 1964;*

11 *Whereas, Jim completed his ophthalmology residency at*
12 *Indiana University in 1967 and had a fulfilling career as a*
13 *board-certified ophthalmologist in Indianapolis from 1967 to*
14 *1998, where he was regarded as a compassionate surgeon who*
15 *cared for his patients;*

16 *Whereas, Jim was a founding member of 20/20 Eye*
17 *Physicians of Indiana, where he treated both children and*
18 *adults following the belief that their lives could be enriched*

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1 *through the gift of sight;*

2 *Whereas, Jim was affiliated with St. Vincent Hospital*
3 *throughout his career and held many offices, including*
4 *President of the Medical Staff, member of the St. Vincent*
5 *Foundation, and member of the St. Vincent Hospital Board of*
6 *Directors;*

7 *Whereas, In 1997, Jim was recognized by his peers when he*
8 *received the Distinguished Physician Award;*

9 *Whereas, Jim also served as the President of the*
10 *Indianapolis Ophthalmology Society and on the Board of*
11 *Directors of the Marion County Medical Society and was a*
12 *member of the American Medical Association, the American*
13 *Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, Sciencetech Club,*
14 *and Second Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis;*

15 *Whereas, Upon his retirement in 1998, Jim became a*
16 *certified Master Gardener and shared his knowledge with the*
17 *Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana to help with ongoing*
18 *maintenance of the Enabling and Healing Garden; and*

19 *Whereas, Dr. James "Jim" Lawrence passed away on July*
20 *20, 2023, and is survived by his wife, Ruth; his daughter,*
21 *Johanna (Gery) Kissel; son David (Karen) Lawrence;*
22 *grandchildren Morgan Lawrence, Madison (Jacob) White,*
23 *Halley and Corinne Kissel, and Brooke and Kate Lawrence;*
24 *and great-grandchildren Elizabeth, James, and Jack White:*
25 *Therefore,*

26 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
27 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes Dr.
2 James "Jim" Lawrence, and his dedication to his family, the
3 field of medicine, and the people of Indiana.

4 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby
5 directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the family of
6 Dr. James "Jim" Lawrence.

